

I am a CT resident and would like to thank the Committee for raising HB 5293. I am asking the Committee to please support HB 5293, with an amendment.

This bill provides much needed protection for certain animals such as camels, elephants and tigers, by removing them from traveling entertainment shows and circuses. It has been well documented that those animals are often trained using inhumane practices, forced to perform acts not natural to them, and they have little or no protection under existing laws. Please also support an amendment on line 33 to remove "includes any animal that is not domesticated". Some exhibitors might use that language as a loophole to exclude from the bill's scope wild animals bred, born or raised in captivity.

I urge the Committee to please support HB 5293 with an amendment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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